

Amendments to the Abstract:

Please amend the Abstract of the International Application as shown below:

A vehicle equipment rack (100) and methods for removably holding equipment (200) on a shelf (101) that is removably and preferably releasably mounted within a vehicle (300). A hook bar assembly (130) has a guide portion (132), and at least one sliding portion (134) telescopically engaged with the guide portion (132). The hook bar assembly (130) is attached to the shelf (101). Two end hooks (140) are on distal longitudinally outward ends of the hook bar assembly (130), and each end hook (140) is configured for hooking on a headrest post (322, 324) of the vehicle (300). The end hooks (140) may have hooks that open forward (141), rearward (155), or outward (160) and are biased (172) with respect to each other. Preferably, a hook portion (149) is releasably attached (135, 142) to the hook bar assembly (130) for releasing in response to a laterally directed force (F).